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POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at the Wellington Civic Offices on **Tuesday 3rd July 2018** commencing at **7.00pm**.

Cllr. S. deLauney – Chairman	Cllr. S. Fikeis	Cllr. F. Burns
Cllr. P. Morris-Jones MBE	Cllr. J. Gorse	Cllr. M. Hosken

In attendance – Cllr. C. Mason-Morris and Cllr A. Lowe ex officio, Police Inspector Gary Wade (GW), Cllr L. Jinks, one member of the public and Karen Roper - Town Clerk.

22/18 Welcome - Cllr deLauney welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Inspector Wade to update the Council on the EDL marches and PSPO orders. GW said the next date identified by the EDL was 21st July but thanks to POW taking place it had been cancelled because the town centre is fully occupied with a community event. The Police are in constant communication and will continue to say that Wellington is not an appropriate place for their marches. To stop any of these events you need to have clear evidence that it would create a problem for the community.

The ethnic communities were very happy and grateful at the way things had gone at the last March. This good outcome was achieved through good communications, open and honest conversations and everyone working together.

Cllr Morris-Jones MBE said people are complaining about 101 not being answered yet it is promoted as the preferred contact with the Police. GW said a new expensive system has been installed at Hindlip HQ which includes the fire service and should help to alleviate the problem. Every officer is issued with a smart phone which has access to Facebook twitter and text services, the number follows the Officer which should improve the situation. Managing public expectations was raised as an issue following an incident described to GW. He said this highlighted a training need for the PCSO's and would followed this up. Cllr Burns said there was also a training need for the public.

Dothill pools and the request for Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO), control of dogs to protect wildlife. GW said that enforcement was problematic and reports need to go through 101 to ensure they are recorded and to provide evidence going forward. Cllr Mason-Morris said Cllr Tomlinson had previously done extensive work on by-laws and PSPO orders with Paul Fenn from Telford and Wrekin. There was new legislation leading to a Borough wide consultation in relation to dogs on leads but this was an emotive issue.

Cllr A Lowe said cyclists were still riding through the pedestrian area. GW said there is zero tolerance for this, the public should be challenging this behaviour if there are no officers there at the time.

23/18 Apologies for Absence – Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. L. Carter due to work commitments.

24/18 Declaration of Interest – Cllr Fikeis said she had an interest with the Police Survey

- 25/18 Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 5th June 2018** – Were proposed by Cllr Hosken, seconded by Cllr Morris-Jones MBE and RESOLVED by members as a true and accurate record.
- 26/18 Matters Arising**
- Police Survey – the Clerk had received one response, the cut-off date is 6th July.
- 27/18 Finance** – Reports were presented for May/June 2018. Cllr Hosken proposed the accounts referenced a,b,c,d,e on the agenda for acceptance, this was seconded by Cllr Morris-Jones and agreed by members with a request that papers are sent out sooner.
- 28/18 Public Loan Board** – The Chairman said the response to the application had been to request a business case. It was agreed by the Regeneration Board that a valuation will be required. Cllr deLauney proposed and was seconded by Cllr Morris-Jones that the Clerk approach local companies to provide a valuation, members were all in favour.
- 29/18 Personnel Committee Report** – The Chairman gave a brief verbal report and if members wanted greater detail they were invited to speak to him at the end of the meeting. Cllr Hosken proposed to accept the recommendations, he was seconded by Cllr Burns and members voted in favour.
- 30/18 Orbit Group** – Members were issued with a draft proposal that stated the agreement should be between Wellington Town Council and Telford and Wrekin Council. Cllr Mason Morris suggested clarification be sought in relation to the Orbit shareholders. Cllr. Morris-Jones proposed to accept the proposal, which was seconded by Cllr Burns and agreed by members. Cllr Burns said he would like to express his thanks to Telford and Wrekin to making this happen.
- 31/18 Boundary Review** – As requested the Clerk had contacted neighbouring Newport for information. The Clerk said that it would be 2023 before the Review can be actioned because the process (which takes a minimum of a year) takes place at the same time as the local elections and we are too late for 2019. Cllr Burns proposed the review be taken forward to coincide with the 2023 timetable and was seconded by Cllr Gorse. Members voted in favour to include the development off Haygate Road, Apley and the new growth at the Maxell site be considered for inclusion together with a general tidying up of the boundaries.
- 32/18 Signage** – Cllr Burns said he now had a working document listing the requirements and our WEST Team were already working on cleaning and cutting back foliage where required. He had attended a meeting with Stephen Scanlon to discuss boundary signs and with Keith Harris and Matt Powell to discuss the traffic impact of new developments on Wellington's road infrastructure and would report progress to the committee as it happens.
- 33/18 Grants Panel** – Cllr deLauney had suggested that the Grants panel should be a smaller group of Councillors creating a sub-committee which may be able to spend more time considering applications. Members agreed the process was often rushed but Cllr Gorse pointed out that members had the documentation prior to the meeting. Cllr Hosken proposed the arrangements remain as they are, his proposal was seconded and agreed by members.
- 34/18 The date and time of next meeting** – was agreed as Tuesday 7th August 2018 at 7.00pm.

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